

# THE ACADEMY

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## INTRODUCTION

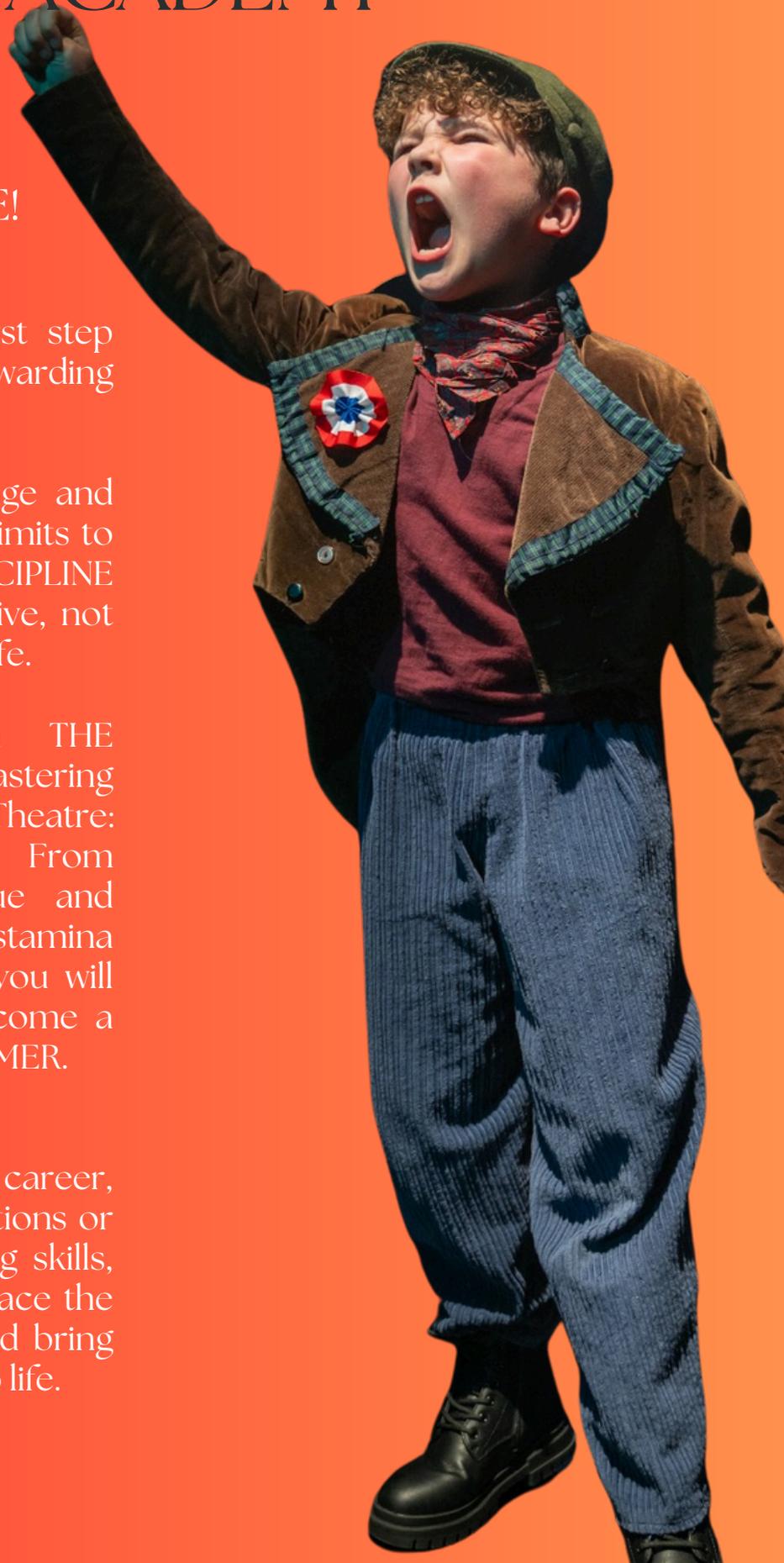
### BEGINNERS TO THE STAGE!

Congratulations in taking the first step towards an exciting and rewarding journey with THE ACADEMY.

This class is designed to challenge and inspire you, pushing you to your limits to help you develop the SKILLS, DISCIPLINE and CONFIDENCE needed to thrive, not only in the industry but every day life.

Throughout your time with THE ACADEMY, you will focus on mastering the core three pillars of Musical Theatre: Acting, Singing and Dancing. From perfecting your vocal technique and storytelling abilities to building stamina and precision in choreography, you will develop the tools needed to become a dynamic, TRIPLE THREAT PERFORMER.

Whether you're thinking of MT as a career, preparing for theatre school auditions or just want to develop your existing skills, this class is your chance to embrace the challenge, refine your artistry, and bring your passion for musical theatre to life.





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## COMMITMENT

The Academy is an intense, fast-paced weekly session that mirrors the demands of the professional world. Expect rigorous training, constructive feedback, and opportunities to collaborate with fellow performers as you hone your craft. Along the way, you'll also gain insights into audition preparation, industry expectations, and how to maintain your health and resilience in this competitive field.

Attendance and commitment are the fundamental pillars of success. They serve as essential indicators of a student's dedication to learning and are critical to achieving personal and performance growth. The following underpins the significance of our values and their impact on students, staff, and the Drama Dept as a whole.

- **Consistency in Learning**

Regular attendance ensures that students engage fully both inside and outside of the studio. Missing lessons often results in knowledge gaps, which can hinder progress. Consistency builds a strong foundation for learning and skill development.

- **Collaborative Learning Opportunities**

The Academy promotes group projects, discussions, and hands-on activities. Attendance facilitates participation in these collaborative efforts, fostering peer learning and teamwork, which are essential.

- **Preparation for the Future**

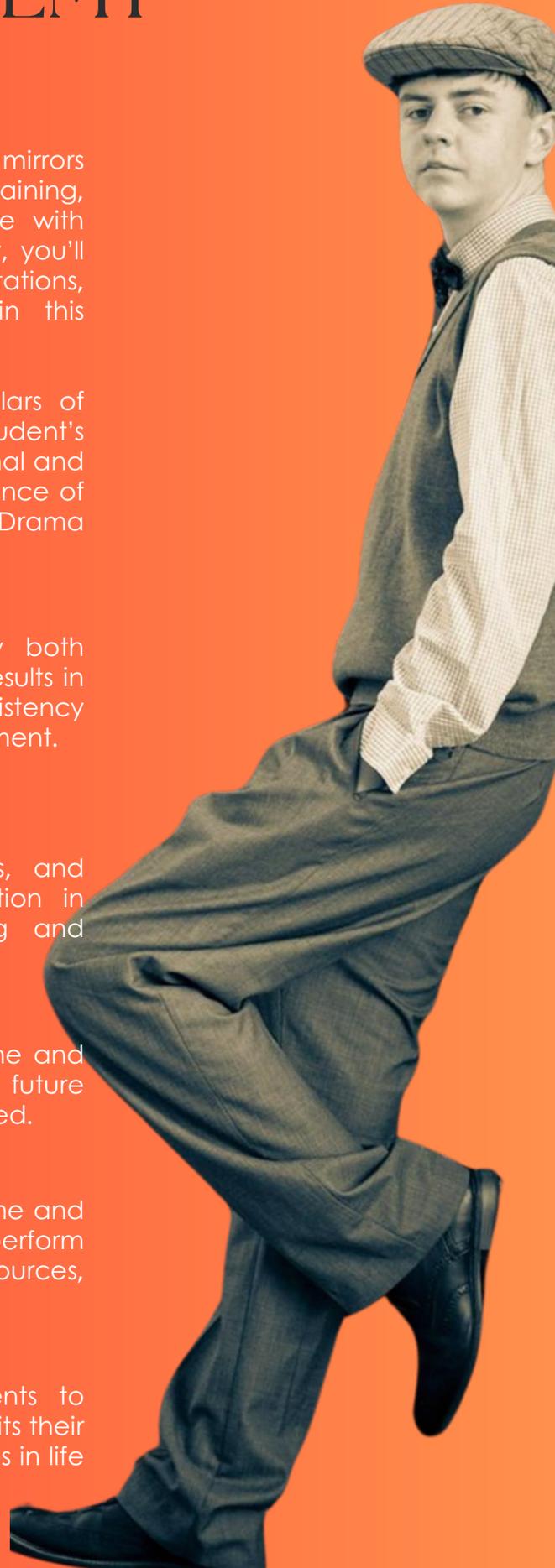
Maintaining a strong attendance record instills discipline and accountability. These habits are directly transferable to future professional environments, where reliability is highly valued.

- **Driving achievement**

Commitment reflects a student's willingness to invest time and effort into their studies. Dedicated students often perform better as they are motivated to seek help, explore resources, and overcome challenges.

- **Developing Resilience**

Commitment encourages resilience, teaching students to persevere through difficulties. This quality not only benefits their ACADEMY journey but also prepares them for challenges in life and work.





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- **ENHANCING THE ACADEMY'S REPUTATION**

High attendance rates and committed students reflect positively on THE ACADEMY. They demonstrate the DD'S ability to engage learners effectively, attracting prospective students and resources.

- **POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON PEERS**

A committed attitude can inspire others. Students who show enthusiasm and dedication often motivate their peers, creating a positive and productive environment within The Academy.

- **EFFICIENT RESOURCE UTILISATION**

When students attend and commit to their studies, resources such as teacher time and educational materials are utilised effectively, maximising the academy's potential to deliver quality tuition.

- **BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE**

High attendance and commitment fosters a culture of excellence. This environment supports continuous improvement for both our team and our students, benefiting the wider community.





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## STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AND COMMITMENT

- **ENCOURAGING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**  
Parents and guardians play a crucial role in ensuring students prioritise attendance and commitment. Regular communication between the academy and families can reinforce the importance of these values.
- **RECOGNITION AND REWARDS**  
Acknowledging and rewarding students for exemplary, attendance and commitment encourages others to follow suit. Awards, certificates, and public recognition can serve as powerful motivators.
- **ADDRESSING BARRIERS**  
Identifying and addressing obstacles such as health issues, personal challenges, or lack of resources can improve attendance and foster a stronger sense of commitment among students.

Attendance and commitment are vital to the success of students and the Academy. They underpin creativity, achievement, personal growth, and the reputation of the DD. By fostering a culture that values these principles, THE ACADEMY will create an environment where all students thrive can contribute meaningfully to our community.





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## DRAMA DEPT TALENT

As an Academy member, you have the opportunity to be enrolled onto The DD Talent books and be represented by us professionally.

Our Talent Management will search and apply for auditions on your behalf. This could be roles for TV work and voice overs as well as Musical Theatre opportunities.

Once selected for an audition for professional work, our team will work with you to prepare you as best as possible whether it be a self tape or face to face audition.

We encourage our DD Talent members to create a SPOTLIGHT profile (fees apply) where you could be sought by creatives in the industry and our team will support you every step of the way. DD TALENT goes from strength to strength as our reputation builds for producing great talent.





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## ABSENCE

In the event that your child is absent from the Academy due to illness, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.

We ask you to avoid, where possible, from making arrangements during session times. Full attendance and full commitment is required at all times.

If you have holidays booked, please fill in the holiday form so our tutors have the opportunity to work around your absence

## OTHER COMMITMENTS

If you are successful in obtaining a place in a project outside of the Drama Dept, to ensure that our overall values are maintained, we may ask you to take a break from The Academy for the duration of the project and re-join The Academy at an appropriate time.

If the time frame is longer than three months, the student will be required to re-audition for their place. For periods less than three months, the place will be held.





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## Joining THE ACADEMY

Entry to the Academy is by audition only. Please speak to one of the team who will inform you of the next audition dates (usually in between projects.)

Our tutors will ask you to prepare a musical theatre song to perform, in character at an Academy session. Don't worry, we will give you all the support you need and help you to prepare for your audition.

Below is a list of projects that The Academy will be involved with over the next 12 months.

- Jan - Senior Play
- Mar - Senior Musical
- May - MTI Event
- June - DD Musical
- July - Academy Musical
- Aug - Summer School
- Sep - DD Main Musical
- Dec - Panto

All this is on top of our weekly sessions, community charity work as well as a residential team building weekend.

The Academy is very hard work but great fun and incredibly rewarding for all involved.

